Agreement between NTPC and BSNL for communication facilities

†1555 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the NTPC has arrived at any agreement with the BSNL for the provision of communication facilities, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P M SAYEED) (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) on 06 07 2004 for a special relationship for the purpose of providing communication facilities by BSNL and MTNL to NTPC. The MOU is intended to provide, among other things, the following advantage to NTPC within Government of India/Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regaulations

(i) Preferential volume discounts across the country

(ii) Simplification of procedures

(iii) Immediate service activation

(iv) Single window service

(v) Service level agreement for quality services

Nagarjuna Power Project as mega project

1556 SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Ministry of Power has approved the Nagarjuna Power Project as mega Project,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the concessions being offered by Government if this project treated as Mega Project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P M. SAYEED). (a) and (b) An in-principle approval for mega power project status has been conveyed to the project, subject to other conditions laid down in the mega policy being fulfilled

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